

REMARKS

The Applicant has canceled original claims 1–27 without prejudice and added new claims 28–47. New claims 28–47 contain a similar genus and species as those contained within original claims 1–27. Applicant provisionally elects with traverse the following species: (1) the configuration: Figs. 1 and 2; (2) the armour material type: polyethylene; and (3) the method of construction: injection moulding as an integral construction. The new claims that cover these species are: claims 28–29, 37, claims 40–43, and claims 45–47.

The Applicant traverses this election requirement on the grounds that new claim 28 is generic to all species and has been indicated to be allowable by the International Examiner, which examined this claim in copending International Application No. PCT/GB02/03998 filed August 27, 2002, upon which the present application claims priority.

Applicant does not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*) Order Number 075254.0102.

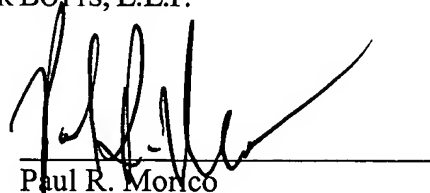
If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned agent for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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